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The only faith that wears well and holds its color in all weathers is that which is woven of conviction and set with the sharp mordant of experience. Lowell.

Opium smuggling as a pastime has gone out of fashion. Smith, evidently thought the town would be as easy as the Pacific Coast ports appear to be.

If it is sure thing investments you are looking for, there is no doubt that the activities of the Federal government guarantee the value of real estate on this island.

Report has it that the scandal connected with her marriage to Col. Astor made Miss Force sick. If she was the only one, the whole affair could be easily forgotten.

They are not making the pace across the continent so rapid that the advertising value of the fifty thousand dollar prize will be lost to William Randolph Hearst.

Good naturedly organized and aggressively managed, the Commercial club of Honolulu can be made one of the most effective powers for progress to be had in this city.

That was a brave deed by Conduct or Honan, and it is no discredit to express the belief that he is not the only one on the force ready to risk his life to save others in danger.

They are working out equal rights for women down in North Carolina by putting the women prisoners in stripes and sending them out on the rock pile. This would be unpopular in New York.

Governor Frear has at least escaped from the County of Hawaii without being mobbed, so the bark of some of his friends over there is worse than their bite, or they didn't see him coming.

It must be that the state of the sugar stock market is an expression of regret on the part of the people of Hawaii, that the high price of sugar should have come at a time when the tariff is to be under discussion.

By continuing the fight for the suspension of the coastwise shipping laws, Hawaii is making much more difficult the work of its friends in Congress who will defend the islands against the assault to be made on the sugar tariff.

First practice with the big guns at Fort Ruger proves that the enemy approaching within range of that defense is certain to meet with disaster. The perfection of the Gibraltar idea needs only completion of the defensive circle for this island.

One hundred and fifty lawyers held in Russia for complicity with the death of Premier Stolypin, and another taking to the woods to escape the court in Los Angeles are reminders that the profession is bound to come to its own some day.

Keep the town in sanitary condition always. But don't take the season when a large number of guests will arrive at the port, to stir up an unnecessary scare. Honolulu is in better

ter sanitary condition than ever and a good force is at work to make it better. Join the helpers, and thus silence the knockers.

President Taft is making a record-breaking trip in his present tour about the country. The most interesting part of it to the people of Hawaii is that those supposed to know, declare that this speech-making tour is not a part of the contest for re-nomination. It is merely the opening gun of the campaign for reelection.

Well done Maine! That was a small margin, but it will save the Republican party from continuous defeat for the next twenty-five years. Having voted Prohibition out of the constitution, the conservative people of Maine will probably turn to the supporters of Prohibition to enact the strict laws for proper control of the liquor traffic.

It is not surprising to hear that the school houses of the city and Territory are crowded to the doors. Of course they are. The population is steadily increasing and throwing additional responsibilities on the citizens who stand for intelligent American progress. Last year there were no teachers for the children. Now that the teachers are provided, the school houses are not large enough. There is just one thing to do. Provide the school houses and a large share of that responsibility is upon the counties.

That seemed a most extraordinary situation which Judge Cooper faced in the Circuit Court Monday, and a narrow escape from placing a final official seal on grave injustice. The Judge did right in taking radical steps to assure that full justice should be done. It was the late Judge Estee who said that he hoped to impress the people with the fact that American law is common justice. Judge Cooper amplified and illuminated this sentiment when he delved into the facts of a case, more thoroughly, apparently, than the attorney for the defense. The incident shows what a terrible injury may be done a person in a court of justice, and even under the jury system where all the facts are supposed to be presented and common sense conclusions drawn.

A WORD TO A SUPERVISOR.

Isn't it about time that Supervisor Murray came to a realization that he is supposed to represent something besides the combative element of the town?

When a man enters public life his general conduct outside his official duties becomes everybody's business, whereas when remaining a private citizen, it is no one's but his own.

Murray and his associates went into office as an expression of the community demand for improvement. They have backed up against a hard proposition because of some of the left-overs of the former Board. But that is no excuse for, and in fact it furnishes a strong reason why members of this Board should not in private or public capacity "get a Branigan aboard" about once in so often.

The Bulletin is slow, too slow some people think, to pick up the peculiar acts of public men when the

mood is to celebrate. But there's a limit.

The first fight of Saturday night in which Murray indulged was as disgraceful as it was unnecessary and unpremeditated by the principals. If one of the men were not a city official it would be "nobody's business." As he is, it becomes everybody's business.

If Supervisor Murray has any regard for the majority voters who put him in office and who have some idea of proper behavior, he will take a long step to a high perch on the water-wagon, and stay there as long as he is in public life.

AUSTRALIA'S ARTESIAN SYSTEM.

Hawaii has been impressed of late years with the necessity for conserving the artesian water supply and with this purpose in mind has assembled data concerning the source of supply and dependability of the artesian basins. The general opinion is, that water from the artesian system will hold out as long as rainfall continues in the higher levels. The wells throughout the islands rise and fall following excessive rains and droughts.

In this respect these islands are particularly fortunate, more so indeed than Australia where the artesian system has recently been studied by a leading geologist of Glasgow University.

According to the conclusions of this expert, Prof. J. W. Gregory, Australia's artesian waters are contained in basins that are not replenished regularly and may be drained dry.

The professor estimates the area overlying the deep-seated sources of water supply at about 580,000 square miles, embracing more than half of Queensland, the northwestern part of New South Wales, and the northeastern corner of South Australia.

Within this area he believes that the origin of the subterranean water may be attributed to three main sources: (1) pluvial water which has risen from below; (2) residual water deposited in the beds at the time of their formation; and (3) some rainfall which percolated into the sandstone at an earlier geological time.

As a result of further investigations, he has arrived at the conclusion that there is no evidence of any appreciable replenishment by contemporary rainfall of the flowing wells which have been allowed to run continuously on the ground on their being replenished by percolation, except perhaps in the case of those near the gulf of Carpentaria.

He has thus been confirmed in his opposition to the theory that rainfall is perpetually making good the waste of water for the flowing wells, and he claims that all the available evidence tends to show that his warning of a diminished flow, if the waste were allowed to continue, is now being justified. It is true that even if the water ceased to flow it could be raised in a more limited quantity to the surface artificially, but the greater the present waste, the professor maintains, the sooner will it be necessary to incur the cost of pumping to obtain a supply.

Therefore, presumably, Australia, which uses its government for practical purposes will soon be passing laws framed with a view to conserving the water supply of that country. Hawaii's subterranean water appears to be unlimited but with the increasing demands made upon it, the time cannot be far distant when regulation of the drafts made upon the artesian basins will be accepted as a governmental duty.

NEW OIL SPRAY FOR STREETS

Chairman Samuel Dwight of the city and county road committee will come before the board of supervisors at the regular meeting this evening with the recommendation that City and County Engineer Gero be authorized to purchase a Ward Oil Spraying device, to cost the municipality \$850 at San Francisco.

It is estimated that an additional fifty dollars will be required to land the machine at Honolulu. Chairman Dwight in his report to be submitted before the board states that the machine is believed essential to the carrying out of the present aggressive road policy. He predicts that with the improved apparatus for the proper spraying of oil on city and county roads, that better work can be done and in much less time than with the use of the antiquated appliances now in the possession of the road department.

Chairman Dwight will have no report upon the matter of the city and county relinquishing land belonging to the Lucas estate.

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MAIMS SELF TO QUIT ARMY

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 2.—Charged with deliberately and willfully cutting off the index finger of his right hand with an axe, in order that he might be incapacitated from duty, Private Walter J. Morse, Company H, Signal Corps, U. S. A., will be court-martialed at Fort Crook.

It is alleged that Morse employed this unusual means to secure his discharge from the service.

A boom has been started in Boston to send John L. Sullivan, the champion pugilist, to the Massachusetts Legislature.

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E. O. WHITE GIVES DETAILS OF FIS-TIC BATTLE

Editor Evening Bulletin:—I believe it is but fair to both my son and myself that the actual facts of the attack by Supervisor Murray on my son, Clifford E. White, should be known to all who have any interest in the matter, as the short accounts published in the Bulletin last evening and in the P. C. A. this morning would leave the impression that it was either caused by feeling over the boat races or, from the mention of Cunha's Alley, that it was the result of too much celebration after the races.

The facts are that C. E. White, with Mr. Henry Giles and Mr. Fred Wright, went to the Union Grill for dinner last Saturday evening, and, after finishing, were going up to the counter to pay their checks, when Mr. Murray, who was at a table with several of his friends, called to Mr. White, who at once went over to see what he wished, whereupon Mr. Murray started in to abuse me to my son in language that was not only forcible, but unprintable. My son naturally resented the charges and replied with spirit, and after some words the groups moved out through the side door into the alley, where Mr. Murray without warning struck a blow that knocked my son down, and numerous witnesses state that he then struck several more blows while my son lay on the stone pavement.

That he resented this assault and on getting up defended himself seems to be the natural course that most any young man would have taken.

At no time in the past has my son had any words or dealings with Mr. Murray, nor had he that evening especially noticed that Mr. Murray was even present until he was called by him to his table, seemingly for the deliberate purpose of abusing me and making trouble. E. O. WHITE.

Honolulu, September 19, 1911.

FORT RUGER GUNS AT WORK

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Then it took a good deal of time to maneuver around off Diamond Head getting the first target anchored and towing the second away into the waters selected for the moving-target practice. After the tug and targets were in proper place, there was a wait of ten minutes or more while the guns were being adjusted and the necessary measurements taken.

By this time the gun-pits and the slope back of them were filled with people. A large detachment of town-folk were out to see the novel sight—and hear the noise—and a company of marines from Camp Verry had marched up and was scattered around the batteries.

Finally the first gun, with Lieutenant Price in charge of the gun crew, was made ready, the big projectile shot home, the muzzle of the gun elevated almost at right angles with the earth, an artilleryman pulled the lanyard that fired the shot, and the big gun boomed out. Nobody with the possible exception of a few of the officers saw the shot, but everybody heard the detonation, although everybody had hands to ears. This was the first of the trial shots, and the other three followed, with considerable waits between, for plenty of time is given the gun crews in these trials. Following the trial shots the ten shots at the moving target were fired.

Among those who went out to see the first big gun practice were Brig.-Gen. M. M. Macdonald, commanding the District of Hawaii; his staff, Major Neville of the Marine Corps and other Marine Corps officers; a number from Fort Shafter, Congressman Kahn of California, Acting Governor E. A. Mott-Smith, the three judges of the Hawaii Territorial Supreme Court, Judge W. L. Whitney of the Circuit Court, S. M. Damon, L. T. Peck, Rev. W. D. Westervelt, Charles F. Wood of Philadelphia, A. H. Dondero, J. R. Galt and others.

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TO FULFILL VOW, AGED MAN SACRIFICES BEARD

SAYBROOK, Conn., September 2.—Stepping into a barber shop here today Joseph Pendleton, 91 years old, whose face the oldest inhabitant does not recollect having seen, for the reason that it has always been hidden by whiskers of luxuriant growth, seated himself in a chair and said: "Take 'em off!"

The barber, surprised, hesitated, but Pendleton repeated the command, saying: "I have kept my vow. The bridge is finished."

In his boyhood Pendleton vowed never to let razor or shears touch his face until a bridge was built over the Connecticut river, opposite his home. This week the old Lyme bridge, which exactly meets Pendleton's requirements, was dedicated and thrown open to the public after an expenditure of nearly \$1,000,000 for construction.

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EVENING SMILES

First Boarder—Smith must be behind in his board.

Second Boarder—What makes you think that?

First Boarder—I notice he's had the neck of the chicken for the last three Sundays.

"Do you have oratory in your campaigns?" "Some," replied the political boss. "Just enough to enable the people

who vote our way to give some sort of an excuse for it."

Mrs. Hen, having performed her oviparous function, took a constitutional around the yard. Returning to her nest she found it empty and eluded angrily.

"What's the trouble, ma'am?" asked the rooster.

"It's mighty funny," she grumbled, "that I can never find things where I lay them."

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